

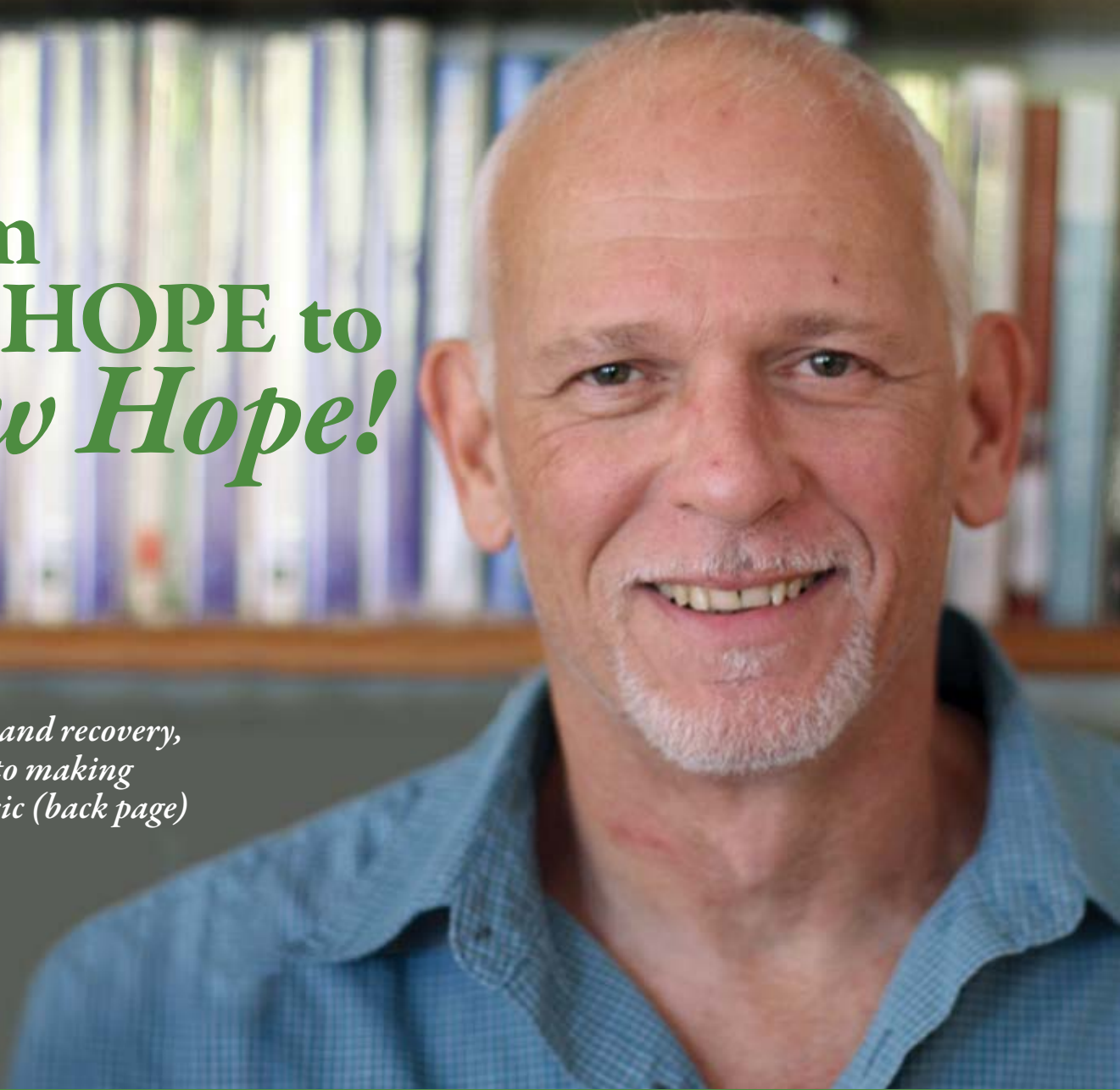
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## From NO HOPE to *New Hope!*

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## *From Superficial to Supercharged*

Dear Friend,

Have you ever had a passing interest in something that grew deeper once you experienced it? Maybe you were a casual football fan who barely knew a field goal from a fumble, but after one live game, you started painting your face and tailgating at all sorts of strange hours. You became a superfan!

Sometimes our walk with God is like that, and it's a beautiful thing. By God's grace, we move from a shallow, surface knowledge of Christ to a deeply meaningful personal relationship.

This month, you're going to meet Marc, a man whose faith moved from superficial to supercharged. After years of struggling with addiction, Marc came to the Mission and encountered the living God — a God who loves him and has a plan for him. Marc is joyfully serving the Lord now, and his faith is an inspiration to me and many others here.

Thank you for being a valuable part of the work the Lord is doing at Southern New Hampshire Rescue Mission. Your partnership is changing lives, and it's my daily joy to walk alongside men like Marc as they grow in the knowledge of our wonderful Savior.

As you enjoy this beautiful spring, I pray that your own faith would be supercharged. We serve a great God, and I pray you see His abundant blessing as you follow Him.

Sincerely,

**...lead a life worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.**

—Colossians 1:10



**Rick Rutter**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## planned GIVING

If you'd like an opportunity to make an eternal impact in the lives of the hurting and homeless, let us tell you about Planned Giving! The easiest way to do this is to include Southern New Hampshire Rescue Mission in your will. Planned gifts can also take the form of gift annuities, gifts of stock and gifts of life insurance. Orchard Foundation has graciously offered to counsel donors through this process. If you're considering a planned gift or would like more information, call Joseph Padilla at the Orchard Foundation: (888) 689-6300.

# When God sends a “nudge”

Elaine knows personally the impact a “nudge” can have. When a friend encouraged her to volunteer at the Mission, she sensed the Lord leading her to serve her hurting Nashua neighbors.

Though the kitchen is her self-described comfort zone, Elaine agreed to work in the office. There, God is using her to minister to the homeless through her friendship and prayer. And even while she’s helping with fundraising efforts or sorting mail, God is speaking to her heart.

“Being here has changed my view of others,” Elaine says. “No one is beyond God’s grace!”

Elaine rejoices in the spiritual growth she’s witnessed among the men at the Mission, and wants to extend her own “nudge” to anyone who’s considered becoming a volunteer.

“If our God is nudging you, come shadow one of us,” she encourages. “Just prepare to be blessed!”

If you, your church group or coworkers would like to get involved, consider taking on one of these volunteer positions:

- Volunteer Coordinator — help us manage and place other volunteers for special events like our annual Yard Sale and Fundraiser.
- Board Member — help provide leadership and direction for the Mission.
- Gift Center Team — sort and display donated clothing, toiletries and other items, then help clients “shop” in the Gift Center. The Gift Center is open on Tuesdays.
- Hot Meal Server — help with basic meal preparation and service to neighborhood guests.



## mark your calendar

✓ **June 2016 – Canned Food Drive**  
During the summer, a canned food drive can help us prepare one of the three meals we serve each day. Non-perishables are always welcome! If your office, Sunday school class, or VBS is interested, please contact us at [office@nashuarescuemission.org](mailto:office@nashuarescuemission.org)

✓ **June 18 – 3rd Annual Yard Sale and Fundraiser**  
Join us at Trinity Baptist church from 7 am – 3 pm. Come find hidden treasures and support the ministry of rescue at the same time.

✓ **September 16 – Second Annual Fall Fundraising Banquet**  
Save the date, and join us at Trinity Baptist Church for our Fall Fundraising Banquet. Watch for more details on our website, our Facebook page and in future newsletters.

**To volunteer, or for more information about any of our ongoing projects, call Rick Rutter at (603) 889-3421.**

## S T R E T C H your own faith this month!

### *July 2016: Paper the Mission*

Organize a paper drive at your church, office or school to help provide paper goods for the Mission. Paper plates, bowls, cups, napkins, paper towels, toilet paper, computer paper and plastic table covers are appreciated. You can also invite Rick to speak to your group about the Mission!

### *August 2016: Mission Hope*

Collect toiletry items to be distributed to the homeless and used by shelter residents — a great project for coworkers, neighbors or classmates. Donations should be new and for men (travel and standard-size are helpful) including:

- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Soap and deodorant
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Socks and underwear
- Combs and brushes
- Disposable razors and shaving cream

# From No Hope to New Hope!

When Marc arrived at the Mission, it was another step in his long quest to move from addiction to recovery. A talented guitarist, Marc took great comfort in sharing his music with others. But years of substance abuse and heroin addiction left him homeless and hopeless.

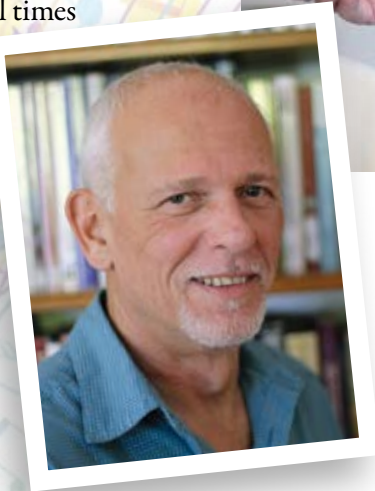
Marc had been in and out of rehab programs several times but was unable to maintain his recovery. Realizing that he could only move forward with Christ's help, Marc called the Mission.

"This place just kept coming up, and I knew this was where I needed to be," Marc says. "I got here on Friday, and by Saturday I was in the discipleship program."

Finally, Marc is in recovery and experiencing physical healing. A recent doctor's visit revealed that Marc is no longer suffering from Hepatitis C, a condition he's had for the last decade. **"That's a healing!"**



*After healing and recovery, Marc is back to making beautiful music*



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he exclaims. **"That's Jesus.** I've been able to accept Him wholeheartedly, and I'm just laying it all at the cross."

Most importantly, Marc has found a new depth of faith in our Savior. **"It's not just superficial**

**anymore.** I never realized how alive the Bible is until recently. It's a beautiful lesson to learn... I feel like I'm all in!"

Happily, Marc is once again sharing his music. He leads worship at the Mission, and is grateful to those who've walked alongside him. "Having the opportunity to serve here has been the greatest gift I could receive. I want to continue this kind of work.

"The people who give and volunteer at the Mission have made it possible for me to serve God a little longer. Jesus can [heal], and this is a place where we can rest in His arms."

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